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SUBJ: SHIPPING CONFERENCE RESISTS NEW MEMBER

1. BULKFRIDGE PTY. LTD. OF SYDNEY HAS HAD ITS APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE NORTHBOUND AUSTRALIA, US EAST COAST SHIPPING CONFERENCE, DELAYED BY RELUCTANCE OF OTHER MEMBERS TO ACT. THE APPLICATION OF BULKFRIDGE WAS DATED MARCH 13, 1975 BUT NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN.

2. BULKFRIDGE PTY. LTD. IS REPORTEDLY OWNED FORTY PERCENT BY BULKSHIPS LTD. WITH THE OTHER SIXTY PERCENT BEING HELD FOR PURCHASE BY MEAT SHIPPERS. THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, CAPTAIN A. ARIEL, IS ALSO CONNECTED WITH MARITIME FRUIT CARRIERS TY. LTD. OF SYDNEY, AND HAS BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY IN AUSTRALIA FOR MANY YEARS. BULKFRIDGE IS A NEW ORGANIZATION AND CAPTAIN ARIEL IS CONSIDERED AN ENTREPRENEUR WHO IS ATTEMPTING TO FORCE HIS WAY INTO THE CONFERENCE WITH TWELVE SHIPS WHICH HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN TRADE ELSEWHERE.

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3. INDUSTRY SOURCES INDICATE THERE IS AN OVERAGE IN SHIP TONNAGE AT THE PRESENT TIME IN THE CONFERENCE AND ARE RELUCTANT TO ALLOW MORE MEMBERS IN A TIME OF FUTURE TONNAGE UNCERTAINTIES IN THE EAST COAST US TRADE.

4. CAPTAIN ARIEL HAS SENT A PROTEST TO THE AUSTRALIAN MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, C.K. JONES, WHO HAS CALLED FOR A CONFERENCE BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE AND THE DEPARTMENT IN AN ATTEMPT TO SETTLE THE ISSUE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT IS A MEMBER OF THE CONFERENCE THROUGH ANL AND MARITIME FRUIT CARRIERS ARE ALSO PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

5. KARL WILSON OF THE NEWSPAPER QUOTE AUSTRALIAN UNQUOTE SAYS BULKFRIDGE HAS ALSO PROTESTED TO THE U.S. FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION THAT CONFERENCE MEMBERS HAVE VIOLATED SECTION 15 OF THE US SHIPPING ACT OF 1916. WILSON STATES THAT UNDER THE ACT EITHER GULKFRIDGE MUST BE ACCEPTED OR THE CONFERENCE FACES BEING DISSOLVED BY THE F.M.C.

6. COMMENT: THERE IS A GOOD DEAL OF HOSTILITY TOWARDS CAPTAIN ARIEL PERSONALLY THROUGHOUT THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY IN AUSTRALIA. INDUSTRY SOURCES AVER HE IS ATTEMPTING TO DISRUPT CONFERENCE CARRIERS AND ORDERLY MEAT SHIPMENTS BECAUSE OF TONNAGE ARIEL CONTROLS WHICH IS EXCESS DUE TO THE LACK OF JAPANESE MEAT TRADE. MEAT EXPORTERS GENERALLY SHIP ONLY BY CONFERENCE CARRIERS WITH ALLOCATIONS AMONG SEVERAL CARRIERS COMMON. THE AUSTRALIAN SHIPPERS COUNCIL HAS APPROACHED THE CONFERENCE SEVERAL TIMES SINCE 1973 REQUESTING IT REDUCE TOTAL TONNAGE IN AN ATTEMPT TO REDUCE RATES. IT HAS JOINED IN PRESSURE TO RESIST MEMBERSHIP BY BULKFRIDGE IN THE CONFERENCE.
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